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TAGS: PFOR, SP, UK

SUBJ: AREILZA VISIT SCHEDULE

REF: LONDON 688

1. HMG ANNOUNCED QUIETLY FEBRUARY 17 THAT SPANISH
FOREIGN MINISTER AREILZA WILL MAKE VISIT TO LONDON
MARCH 2. FINANCIAL TIMES OF SAME DATE PUBLISHED
SPECULATIVE ARTICLE DATED LINED MADRID WHICH REPORTED THE
UPCOMING VISIT.

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2. DURING COMMONS QUESTION TIME FEBRUARY 18, FOREIGN

SECRETARY CALLAGHAN REFERRED TO THE VISIT WITH APPROPRIATE CAUTIONARY REMARKS TO SILENCE CRITICS FROM HIS OWN BACKBENCHES WHO ARE CONCERNED ABOUT LACK OF CONCRETE GOS ACTIONS LEADING TO RAPID POLITICAL LIBERALIZATION IN SPAIN.

3. FCO TOLD EMBOFF AREILZA VISIT WILL BE HANDLED RATHER PERFUNCTORILY AND, WHILE AREILZA ARRIVES MARCH 1 AND DEPARTS MARCH 3, HE WILL HAVE SUBSTANTIVE TALKS AT FCO AND SMALL OFFICIAL LUNCHEON ONLY ON MARCH 2. FCO SOURCE ALSO CONFIRMED FINANCIAL TIMES ARTICLE AS REFLECTING HMG RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE VISIT.

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